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# The Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, JULY 21, 1947.

## Dutch Seize All Republican Buildings In

### MOSLEMS ASSASSINATE 4 SIKHS

New Delhi, July 20. Infuriated Moslems stabbed four Sikhs to death, after four Moslems had been killed and 14 injured by a bomb alleged to have been thrown by a Sikh.

Moslems then set fire to three houses.

British troops and police were patrolling the localities involved in the rioting.

Lahore's citizens acutely nervous after a month's communal unrest, have found for themselves a new "terror date"—August 10—when the boundary commission's award of Punjab territory to Pakistan and India is expected to be known.

For that date rumour predicts wild rioting by the disappointed community, whether it be Moslems, Sikhs or Hindus.

Businessmen feared lest the arsonists who have already destroyed large sections of the city add even greater damage during the last days before the transfer of power.

A public holiday should be proclaimed on August 15; national flags should be hoisted and meetings held to explain the significance of the occasion, the Congress Working Party declared here in a resolution welcoming the ending of foreign domination and the dawn of freedom.

August 15 is the birthday of the two new dominions of India and Pakistan.

### NEW ATOM DISCOVERY

Bristol, July 20. Professor A. M. Tyndall, director of the Wills Physical Laboratory at Bristol University, said today that Bristol physicists had opened a new field in atomic research with the discovery of a new kind of particle.

Tyndall said, "It is too early yet to speculate what the new discovery may lead to—it may take years to find out—but it has already excited great scientific interest.

The fact that there is more than one kind of particle is regarded by experts as being of the greatest significance in the development of understanding how the parts of the nucleus of an atom hold it together.

What part this particle plays in the structure of atoms is not yet fully understood and at present Dr G. E. Powell, who made the discovery, is engaged in working. At a rough guess he suspects that it weighs 400 electrons."—United Press.

### EDITORIAL

#### New Procedure Needed

The official statement explaining how the Saito and Tokunaga death sentences were committed to terms of imprisonment was designed to quieten public criticism and resentment, but is more likely to have the opposite effect. All it does is to emphasise that war crimes trials are controlled by court martial regulations, under which the confirming authority has complete discretion. In varying both findings and sentences, it is answerable only to his own conscience and is not expected to take notice of any "public" comment, whether favourable or critical. The procedure may be highly desirable in dealing with a soldier or an officer who has violated military regulations. Rightly he is answerable to military law and its approved procedure. But, as we have previously observed, war crimes trials must be regarded as something different. Many of the crimes have been committed against society; they are civil as well as military offences and the verdicts affect the public confidence as much as any murder trial in a Supreme Court. For this reason there is much resentment, not only against the commutation of the Saito and Tokunaga sentences, but against the system which made them possible; it is this which prompts the bitter comment of one correspondent: "Five minutes of delegated authority... completely nullifies months of work by the War Crimes Court." War crimes trials

### Stalin Offers Grain

London, July 20. The diplomatic correspondent of the Sunday newspaper "The People" said today that Generalissimo Stalin had offered Britain 6,500,000 tons of grain, "which may well restore the European balance of power to this country and bring us relief by helping to release us from the dollar grip."

The dispatch said Stalin had been playing "a high-powered role" behind the diplomatic scene and a few days ago reversed a Molotov decision by instructing the Trade Minister, M. Mikoyan, to increase the latest Russian offer of 650,000 tons of grain over the next few years to ten times that amount.—United Press.

### Lives And Planes Lost In Exercises

Melbourne, July 21. Six members of the First Aircraft Squadron of the Royal Navy were killed on Sunday and several injured during exercises in Port Phillip Bay, Victoria.

The names of the casualties will not be released until the Admiralty has notified the next of kin.

Four aircrew members of HMS Theseus were killed when two Faireys collided in flight off Frankston in Port Phillip Bay soon after lunch. Later a Seafire crashed on the Theseus' deck while landing, killing a seaman. Almost simultaneously, a Seafire attempting to land on HMS Glory floated over the wires and crash landed injuring two seamen, one of whom died.

Then a Firefly from the Theseus piled up when landing at Point Cook aeroporto. The occupants were not seriously injured.

The day's accidents resulted in the loss of six planes.—Associated Press.

### INTOLERABLE VIOLATIONS

Dr Beel declared that the Government "has been as accommodating as possible towards the Republic, showing full appreciation for the healthy Nationalist current in Indonesia," but that it "cannot tolerate daily violations of the Linggadjati Agreement." The Government adheres to the principles of Linggadjati, he said.

He said that the Netherlands Government had authorised the Lieutenant Governor General, in view of the continuation and even intensification of hostilities, demolitions etc., to use the forces at his disposal to undertake police action in order to achieve what the Republic itself appears incapable of.

The police have arrested Thakin Bi Sein, a former Executive Council member and leader of the Dabama ("Burma for Burmans") Party, who with U Saw had opposed the agreement which seemed to have brought Burma to the threshold of independence.

Dr Van Mook told the press here that the Dutch had informed the murdered Ministers was, meanwhile, staged today by the other Opposition Party, the Communists.

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## Buildings In Believe Prejudice To Hostilities

Batavia, July 20. Dutch forces began "preliminary operations" against the Indonesian Republicans in Java at midnight tonight from all Dutch-held perimeters in Java, with a swoop on Republican held buildings and suspected persons in preparation for an outbreak of hostilities which some observers forecast for dawn tomorrow.

If fighting starts, the Dutch attacks would presumably be launched from all the Dutch-held perimeters with the main drive concentrating on the Republican National capital of Jogiakarta in the island's centre, some 300 miles from the Dutch base of Batavia.

Preparations for tonight's taking over of Batavia's Republican-held buildings by the Dutch began early, with considerable activity on the streets and in the army and police headquarters, while it has been reported that the Dutch authorities have arrested the Indonesian Vice-Premier, Mr A. K. Ganil, the guards, and the complete household of Dr Sultan Sjahrir, Batavia residence.

Then, armed with rifles, pistols and Tommy-guns, police and Dutch soldiers arrived in motor lorries at the railway stations, post offices, Republican departmental buildings and other public utilities and took them over without resistance.

The Republican authorities had earlier instructed their employees not to offer resistance. They paid out two months' salary to each employee and as much rations as were available from Republican sources and told them to start a non-co-operation campaign from tomorrow morning.

### TELEPHONES SILENT

Telephone communications were silent as the Dutch swoops began. Through misinterpretation of a military order, the Central Cable Office was also ordered to cease operations, but not until after correspondents had sent out the first reports on tonight's developments.

The extent of Republican resistance remains problematical. With at least two of their divisions in East Java, based on the hill town of Manado, another in Central Java and two more in the west, the Republicans are expected, if fighting breaks out, to resist the initial Dutch attacks and then fall back into Java's jungle-covered mountains. They could carry on a very difficult guerrilla war.

The manifesto appealed to the people to pray and work to lighten the Government's tasks so that peaceful and joint reconstruction could be resumed.

The Dutch action comes as the two months' old crisis between The Netherlands and the Republicans came to a climax, and after the Republicans had made a new peace offer to the Dutch, inviting them to a conference to settle the issues peacefully, or, alternatively, to agree to the appointment of a neutral chairman to arbitrate.

The offer was made in a letter to the Netherlands Commission General. (Continued on Page 4)

## Rangoon's "Black Sunday"

Rangoon, July 20.

Tonight, 36 hours after the mass assassination of six key figures in the Burma Government, lorry-loads of troops with mounted machine-guns are patrolling Rangoon and the police are combing the city for the killers.

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This engagement picture of Princess Elizabeth and Lieut. Philip Mountbatten was taken at Buckingham Palace on the day of the betrothal announcement. The Princess is seen wearing her ring for the first time.

## Jewish Terrorists Strike Again

Jerusalem, July 20. Jewish terrorists tonight attacked the headquarters of the 1st British Infantry Division near Tel-Aviv, using mortars and automats in the attack, it was officially stated.

The attack on the strongly guarded camp took place after dark. No casualties have so far been reported. A bomb penetrated the camp's perimeter, the official statement said.

The terrorists, using "Tel-Aviv mortars" made of drain pipes, rained a barrage of bombs at the camp. They also used Bren gun, tracer and small arm fire.

The terrorists, who are believed to be Irgun Zvai Leumi ("shock troops"), were driven off without causing any casualties.

News of the attack followed an announcement by the commander of the 1st Infantry Division, Major-General Gale, that Nathanya Palestine's "diamond town" would remain under its now seven days old military rule until the two kidnapped British sergeants were freed.

One hour before midnight tonight, a heavy explosion rocked Jerusalem as wailing sirens called troops to emergency stations.

### HAIFA CURFEW

Meanwhile, it was officially announced that a dusk-to-dawn curfew was being imposed on Haifa tonight.

Jewish terrorists struck at the Palestine railway system in the Jerusalem, Jaffa, Rehovoth and Haifa.

The terrorist, described as five feet ten inches tall, with a black moustache, was carrying a suitcase believed to contain explosives, the police radio car reported.

### POLICEMAN SHOT

Sirens wailed in Jerusalem, tonight as a police flying squad car radioed police headquarters: "Police-man reported shot by Jewish gunman."

It was learned that British policeman had been shot in the arm in East Jerusalem by a terrorist, gunman. The terrorist, described as five feet ten inches tall, with a black moustache, was carrying a suitcase believed to contain explosives, the police radio car reported.

## Column Of Sports SURPRISE TENNIS RESULT

### Margaret Osborne Defeated

Paris, July 20. Mrs Patricia Todd, joint holder of the Wimbledon Women's Doubles title, caused a big surprise in the French Lawn Tennis Championships by reaching the final at the expense of the defending champion and Wimbledon title holder, Margaret Osborne of America, whom she beat 2-6, 6-3 and 6-4.

This was a repetition of Mrs Todd's victory over Osborne in the American Championships last year, but today's win was surprising because of Osborne's almost unbeatable form which gained her the Wimbledon singles.

Osborne was leading 3-1 in the third set when she broke her racket after which her game went to pieces.

Wimbledon Championship form was reversed when Margaret Osborne and Louise Brough, United States, beat the Wimbledon champions, Doris Hart and Mrs Patricia Todd, United States, by 7-5 and 6-3 in the Women's Doubles final.

These two pairs contested the Wimbledon final when Osborne and Brough lost after being within an ace of victory.

Miss Osborne and Miss Brough were the defending champions in this tournament and they scored an impressive victory. Pushed hard in the first set, they twice had to come from behind. Miss Brough's service gave them the tenth game and, concentrating their attack to Miss Hart's side of the court, they managed to avoid Mrs Todd's telling passing shots and win the set.

The Hart-Todd combination won the first game of the second set but lost the next three and did not again make a dangerous threat.—Reuter.

### CYCLE RACE

Paris, July 20. Jean Robic of the French West Regional team won the Tour de France cycle race today.

The 3rd and final lap was won by Albrecht Schotte of the Belgian team in 7 hours 16 mins 13 secs. Second place went to Bernard Gauvin of the French Regional team with 7 hours 17 mins 30 secs. Third was Jean Diderich of Luxembourg in 7 hours 17 mins 54 secs.

Robic finished ninth in the standing for today's lap, but his extraordinary 130-kilometre sprint from Caen had carried him far enough in front of the previously-leading Italians, Aldo Ronconi and Pietro Brambilla, to give him the prized yellow jersey for the total elapsed time for the Tour.

Fourth place in today's lap was claimed by Rene Oreel of Belgium with 7 hours 21 mins 53 secs, with Jean Kirchen of Luxembourg fifth, also in 7 hours 21 mins 53 secs.

Final placings in the overall standings were as follows: first, Jean Robic, 148 hours 11 mins 25 secs; second, Edouard Fachet of France; 148 hours 15 mins 23 secs; third, Pietro Brambilla of Italy, 148 hours 21 mins 32 secs; fourth, Aldo Ronconi of Italy, 148 hours 22 mins 25 secs; fifth, Rene Vleto of France, 148 hours 26 mins 48 secs; sixth, Raymond Impanis of Belgium, 148 hours 29 mins 39 secs. United Press.

### MOTOR GRAND PRIX

Nice, July 20. The Italian, Luigi Villorati, driving a Maserati, won the Nico Automobile Grand Prix by covering the distance of 321 kilometres, 400 metres in 3 hours, 7 minutes, 7 seconds, at an average speed of 103.037 kilometres per hour.

The Frenchman, Jean Pierre Wimille, driving a Simca, was second having covered 98 of the 100 laps in 3 hours, 7 minutes, 10.7 seconds.

J. Ashmore of Britain in an ERA, was third, covering 98 laps in 3 hours, 8 minutes and 28.7 seconds, and the Italian, Ascari in a Maserati was fourth, covering 97 laps in 3 hours, 8 minutes and 5.0 seconds.—Reuter.

### Record Weight Lift

London, July 20. With Premier Stalin among the spectators, Grigori Novik, a tall, but compact, Russian strong man, established another world's weight lifting record in the mammoth sports parade in Moscow today.

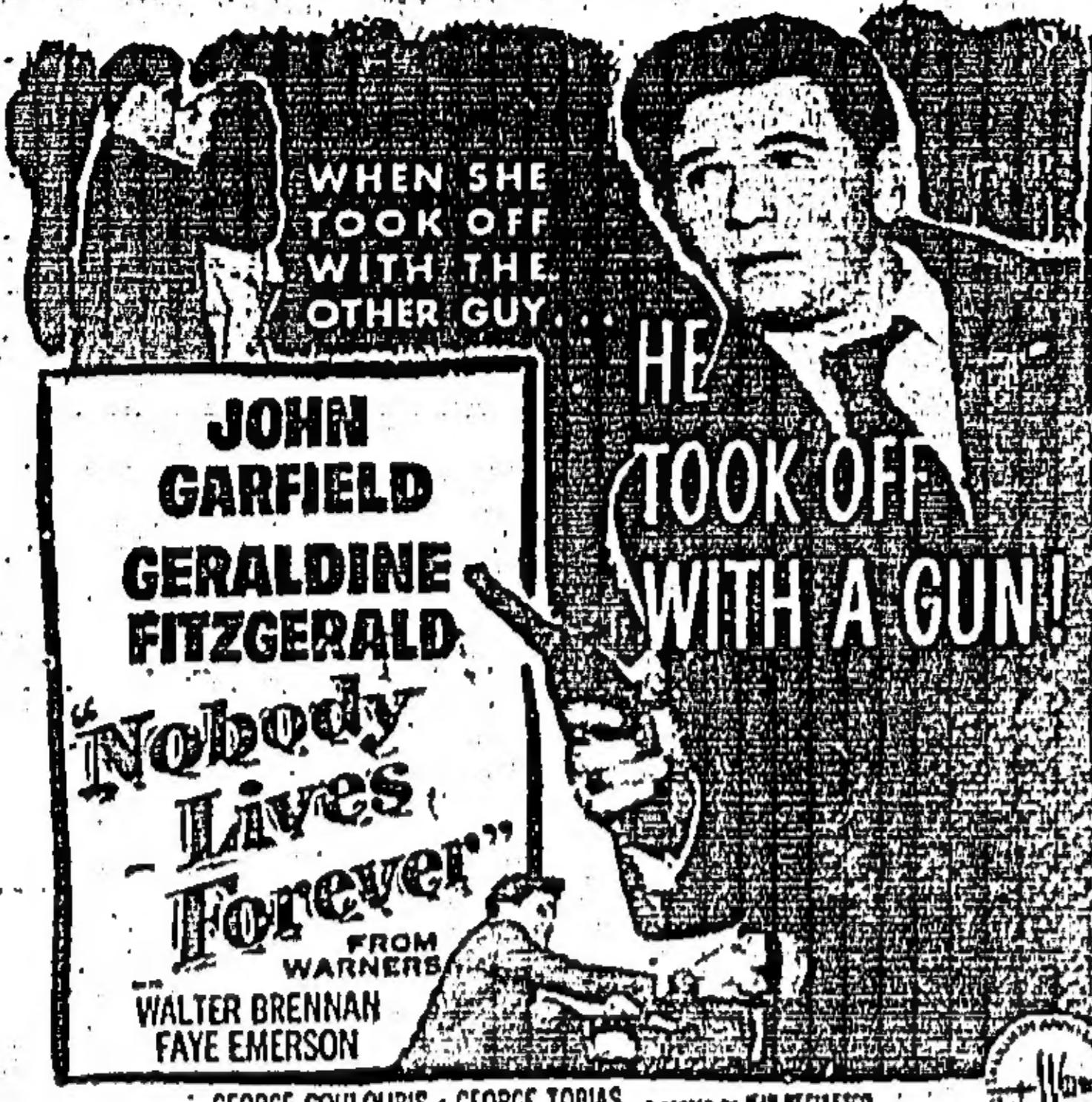
This was reported by Radio Moscow which said the fabulous little Russian—he is five feet two inches tall, but competes at a light-heavyweight or heavyweight—had lifted 380 lbs 10 ozs. in the two-hand million press (pressing the weight slowly from the shoulders overhand) standing in an erect posture.—United Press.



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## C. V. R. THOMPSON'S NEW YORK LETTER

# They'll hardly shoot Santa!

**A**T first glance the American scene today is completely dominated by the wide open road, the baseball diamond and the sun-sleeked surf. It is the biggest American holiday ever.

A holiday from reading, so that book publishers are losing money again. A holiday from the national pastime of movie-going, so that the cinemas must now tempt customers with raffles of brand new motor-cars.

A holiday from worrying—except occasionally, about the high cost of meat which is so tight that under Britain's rationing system every American would get a quarter of a pound of lamb a week.

But that is not really the American scene. It is just the audience. The real American scene is Washington, and the actors are chewing it up for the benefit of their audience even though the audience persist in sitting with their backs towards the stage.

In other words, America's politicians are once more heading for election.

### My bet

THIS election—the first for the Presidency and all that brings with it, since F.D.R. died—is what really dominates the American scene today.

Polling day is still 18 months away, but it is my bet that everything everyone, from President to dog-catcher, does between now and then will be assessed either for its political value or its political cost.

Dollars for Britain, the Marshall Plan, strikes, Palestine, lower income tax, the policy towards Russia—everything.

You have probably noticed that America always has an election whenever there is something important to be decided. That is because America is always having an election...

The result is that a President can give a positive "yes" instead of a "maybe" in answer to any vital international question for about six months out of every two years. And then only with a thumping victory behind him.

### Double-talk

AND so not even the Marshall Plan can escape this election that is coming. That is why there is far more talk about the Plan in Britain and the rest of Europe than in America. In recent weeks the Washington actors have been doing their best to keep that part of the drama behind the scene as much as possible.

That accounts for part of the political double-talk you have heard, and will hear, about The Plan. It also accounts for the extreme shyness with which The Plan's author, George Marshall, usually the most forthright of people, has till now discussed his plan with the American Press.

There are dollars involved in The Plan, perhaps fifteen thousand million of them (£3,750,000,000), and in any election that amount of dollars is heavy ammunition. In this election particularly so.

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acy, then failure to teach it to them must be part of an evil scheme of the Anglo-American occupation authorities to preserve in political and economic power the leaders of German big business, according to Lyudov.

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democratic, republican state."

Truman fears Wallace's threat to form a third party will attract the vast Labour vote and thereby give the Republicans, with Tom Dewey, Harold Stassen, Robert Taft or Joe Donahue a runaway victory.

And so he vetoed the Taft-Hartley Act, I think that may have cost him his precious election. Not because it was wrong to veto the Bill. It was not a very good Bill, anyway.

But because of the way he vetoed. One day he had not read it. Next day he gave out a veto. Message of 5,600 words, and every one of them sounding exactly like those organised Labour had been using about it.

His Message won Labour back to his side, but it cost him many Independents who had supported him before largely for his sincerity.

With his veto overridden, the Act is on the law books and the strikes it was supposed to stop are breaking out in the hour. There will be plenty more. They will probably continue right up to election time.

### Still booming

TRUMAN is on a better bet! In something else he is banking on no bust in the great American boom. Predictions of even a teeny-weeny bust for this year or next year have faded into the background.

Business, which had been talking itself into a recession, is now talking itself back into good times again, perhaps even better than those that have just gone before. If bad times are just around the corner, it is a very big corner.

A few days ago, the 14-year-old son of a friend of mine got a job digging ditches for the holiday, and his pay is £2 5s. a day. Such conditions give Truman the chief and, perhaps, only hope of beating the American fashion of the moment for Rightism. After all, you do not shoot Santa Claus.



THE MUSIC LOVER

## BY THE WAY by Beachcomber

YESTERDAY, at the Belvedere Baths, Stan Trivett knocked out the Korean heavyweight Shol in the first round. Stan adopted his peculiar stance, leaning far away from his opponent and slightly sideways. Shol attacked vigorously at once, but Trivett dived sideways to the floor, sprang up, ran round behind Shol, and came in on his other side. Shol, who was looking for his man in the other direction, caught the double-fisted blows on the side of his head, and went down for the count. Experts are asking how Joe Louis would counter such extraordinary tactics.

### Starlight and Slime

SO there was Paul Treason in a position to marry, and there was Staunton Farragut, willing for the result of the deal that would make or break him. And, with the wedding day at hand, there was Lady Stadpole buying rubbish on credit. And there was Lynette serving herself for the ordeal of becoming Mrs. Farragut to save her mother, from lodging-houses. Time creeps on... One day to the wedding... Treason plans to come to London and tell Lynette his good news... How terrible seems the suspense when one uses these little dots... Can Lynette go through with it?... Lady Stadpole sees her daughter's turmoil of spirit, but

gleefully closes her eyes to it... The eve of the wedding... No news of the deal... Treason packs his bag... Lynette gives up all hope of a reprieve... The wedding day dawns...

Oh, I say, look here!

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(News item.)

THINK with what pride, what joy, what mad excitement those simple words must have been read by women. Here, at last is the climax of their long struggle for emancipation, the smashing victory in the war against sorority. No longer can they be described as chattels, the playthings of an hour, to be discarded like old gloves. And one M.P., with tears of delight in his eyes, addressed her as "Madam Chairman." Why not Mr Chairman?

### Good cheer

HERE is the menu for a banquet of the future... Le intake of calories... Le carbohydrate allocation... Le riboflavin capsule quota... Nyssaland Claret, British Frotho, Balkan Burgundy (Clos de Szczep), Welsh Brandy, Islington Port.

## Russians think they're democratising Germany

DEMOCRACY can be taught to the Germans if proper measures are used, the Soviet authorities have decided after two years of occupation.

Their experience has confirmed, they say, the correctness of the line laid down by Stalin only a few months after the German invasion of Soviet Russia that the "Hitler clique" and not the German people was responsible for the war.

By their standards, their success at "democratisation" of the Eastern zone places in a sinister light the alleged failure of this process in the Western.

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The Soviet's two-year experience in Germany has demonstrated, he wrote, that "if Yalta and Potsdam are consistently carried out, the road to democratic development is not closed for wide sections of the German people," and that this confidence in the democratic future of Germany ran through all the Soviet proposals at the Moscow conference.

### REACTIONARY GROUPS

The Soviet experience has exposed the "feely and reactionary nature" of what Lyudov wrote was a theory often expressed by certain Anglo-Saxon circles, that the "very spirit of democracy" was not in harmony with the character of the Germans."

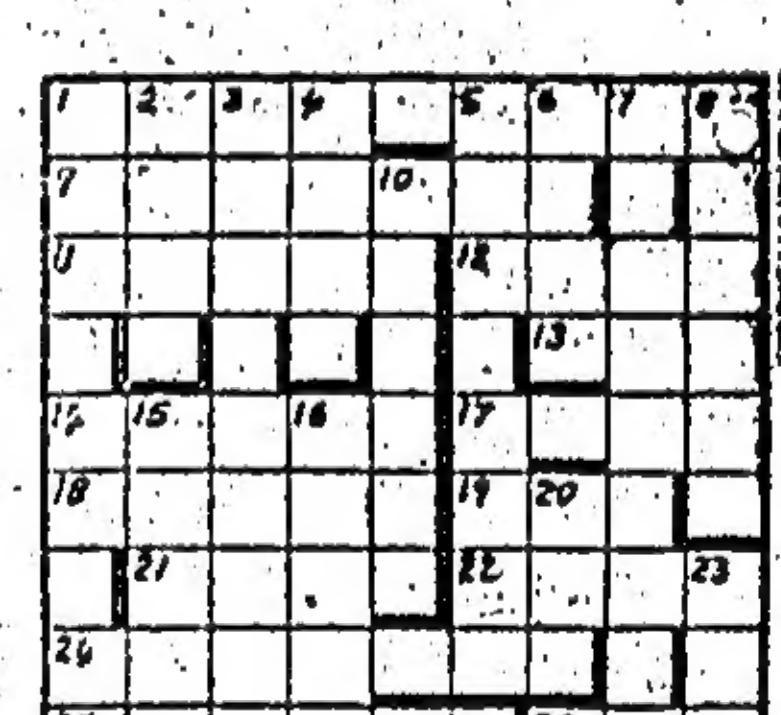
This theory was put forward by those groups which need to disrupt democratisation in order to keep Germany split, a prerequisite to maintaining their control over its trusts and monopolies, according to Soviet commentators.

"It is only to be expected that these gentlemen from the camp of German reaction, who financed and supported the Nazi adventurers and who with the connivance of the American-British occupation authorities have also been achieved in the democratisation of the apparatus of local self-government. School reform has been carried out," Lyudov continued.

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### CROSSWORD



Across  
1 and 8 Down. A well-known saying about money not earned by hard work. (4, 2)  
2 Becomes quiet. (7)  
3 Mother's brother. (5)  
4 Broken arm. (4)  
5 Most likely found in the mud. (4)  
6 Part of thumb to land on hat. (4)  
7 About to rain. (4)  
8 A new dawn or dusk. (4)  
9 Sounds like you've run out of time. (4)  
10 None can give light like this. (4)  
11 Considered the allotted area. (4)  
12 The power of doing good. (4)  
13 In the ring, would be grating. (4)

Down  
1 Equality of weight. (3)  
2 A sense of the world of II not necessarily. (4)  
3 Causing to dry. (4)  
4 A garment of some price. (4)  
5 Mistaken. (5)  
6 Well paid. (4)  
7 Calm. (5)  
8 You're going to be in the when it happens. (4)  
9 With different or weight difference. (4)  
10 Just a small quantity. (4)

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## STAR SHINE!

Edith Head, designer for Paramount Pictures, gave a fashion show in New York recently. A charming New York model wore a Black lace gown over White organdie. It's that glamour gown which Loretta Young wears in the picture, "The Perfect Marriage". Black lace is a woman's weapon, for Charm and Beauty are a part of any Perfect Marriage!

**Green Grows the Fashions!** When choosing a wardrobe or a set of accessories, look at Green. It is very smart now and being Nature's own background colour, Green goes with everything.

Dorothy Lamour looked stunning recently while wearing a Belgo outfit spiced with Green accessories—pumps, bag and gloves—and a touch, no doubt, of Green eyeshadow for Star Shinol.

Pleats and Pleats! Deep, wide, pleated flounces are back and if you have pretty legs they are for you. Pleated caps are new and very pretty. We have not seen those in a long, long time.

Annebella has a Navy Blue and White print, done in pleats and Marlene Dietrich chose an Emerald Green (there's that Green again!) and Black print, knife-pleated below the hips.

Can You Knit? If you can, then start a Dress—and finish it! Shell

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## SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I've got to do something about my teeth, Miss Brown! Will you call that dentist of yours, the one you said was booked through July?"

## III-Starred Besieger Of Stalingrad Still Detained By Russians

BY RICHARD O'REGAN

The lonely wife of German Field Marshal Friedrich von Paulus believes that the Russians may be detaining the ill-starred besieger of Stalingrad for some future military or political purpose.

She said in an interview in Baden-Baden recently: "I would rather, however, he stay in Russia than return to American-occupied Germany to be hanged as a war criminal."

### RELIGIOUS FANATICS ON SAMAR

A bloody revival of the dreaded Pulahanes (religious fanatics and outlaws), whose violence plagued the American Army at the turn of the century, has been reported from Samar Island (Philippines).

More than 30 people have been killed in the new outbreak, only 30 miles from the U.S. Navy base at Guiuan.

Despatches say the dead include Mayor Pedro Relato, of the small island town of San Jose de Buan, his son, 12 other civilians, nine Pulahanes, and one of the military police who fought them.

A former guerrilla leader, Mengote, allegedly heads one Pulahan group in Eastern Samar, avowedly bent on killing all Chinese in sight.

The largest group is reported to be led by notorious Antonio de la Cruz, who already faces charges of multiple murder and treason.

His men, the Philippines Government alleges, were armed by the Japanese and harassed Filipino guerrillas during the war.

His men wear red, homespun trousers and are said to conduct weird black masses in a perversion of Christian rites.

Major Luciano Abia, military police provincial commander, has asked for reinforcements from Cebu to help his forces comb the jungle-covered slopes of Samar.

### More Phosphates Available

New machinery is quickening the production of phosphates from the Ocean and the Nauru Islands, states the Australian News and Information Bureau, and it is expected that Australian and New Zealand farmers will receive double the quantity they have been taking.

Over 220,000 tons were shipped to the Dominions in the year ended June 30, and nearly 700,000 tons will be produced in the coming year, the Bureau said.

### MAN-MADE PLANETS AS HALF-WAY STOPS TO MARS

If man wishes to go to Mars without using ungainly rockets weighing over 1,000 tons, he must set up a string of artificial half-way houses or man-made planets on the way. This is the opinion of Professor Albert Ducrocq, of the Ecole Professionnelle Supérieure in Paris.

He first got the idea from papers lent to him by fellow scientists who had visited Germany. He is now using it as the theme in his nearly completed book, "Germany's Secret Arms".

The German regime proposed the creation of midget artificial planets revolving around the earth some 22,000 miles up.

As a technological adviser to France's Aero Club, Ducrocq soon realized the plan's four-point significance:

Military: They (the Germans) planned to erect vast mirrors a mile wide on these planets, and use them as giant burning-glasses to focus the sun's heat on enemy cities.

Astronomical: Views of other planets would be obtained easier

from artificial planets than from interplanetary. Light-weight rockets only would be needed to reach artificial planets. Journeys from here would be easy, because little or no propellant force is necessary in outer space.

Meteorological: By using the German system of micro-climates and seasons could be altered.

Ducrocq says that he understands the Americans hope to use planes to direct the sun's rays on the North and South Poles to melt the snow. It is possible that many thousands of square miles of barren lands could be cultivated by this method.

Automatic Assembly:

Germans had planned their bases on planets about two square miles in size, sectionally constructed and shot by jet-propulsion to the right altitude. Here the sections would gravitate towards each other for automatic assembly.

The man-made planets would have to be made of special steel so that they could withstand the solar heat.

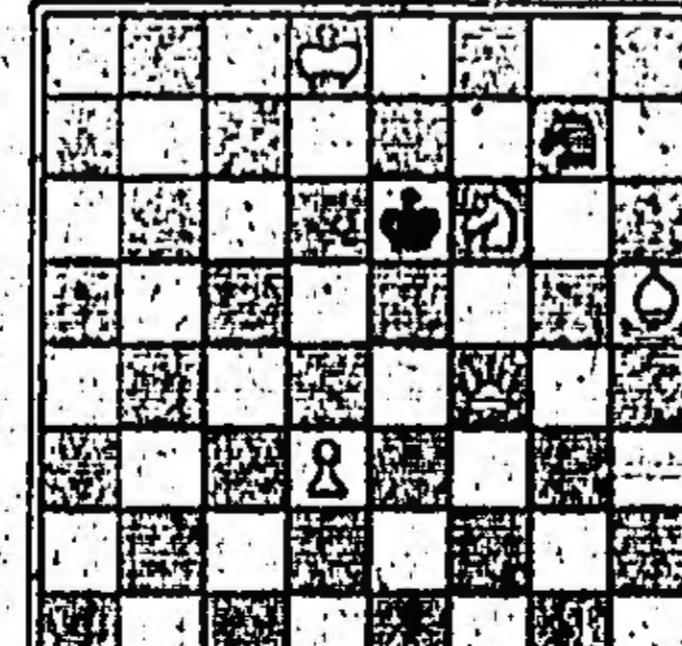
Difference in temperatures, Ducrocq suggests, would enable the crews "manning" the planets to obtain thermal power. The sun's heat would boil water and create steam; the steam would be reconverted to water by the other half of the planet—the cold half.

As the planets would be far beyond the atmosphere, reserves of oxygen would be carried.

### CHESS PROBLEM

By H. H. BROUWER

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1. ... PxQ; 2. B-R5. 1.  
KxQ; 2. R-Q3. 1. K... R-R6;  
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### CHALLENGER TO DINNER JACKET

A well-known London firm of men's outfitters has issued the biggest challenge to evening-dress tradition since the dinner jacket stood up to the tail coat. This firm staged an exhibition of new styles, and most striking is the battledress evening suit in midnight blue.

The upper garment, waist-length and with double-breasted wrap-over and the lapel finishing at a stitched cloth waistband, fastens with a metal buckle three-quarter right at the waistline. The suit is worn on dinner jacket occasions with soft shirt, soft turn-down collar and dark bow tie.

The explanation given for the exhibition is that the firm's young men have returned from the forces so charged with new ideas about clothes that it seemed the safest course was to let them work out their ideas in a show as soon as possible.

Other revolutionary ideas—revolutionary for English tailoring, at any rate—are suits in hopsack open-weave rayon for the summer. They are ticketed "beach wear" but could obviously be worn on many occasions.

### Different Colourings

Colours displayed are onmeal jacket with maroon trousers; tan jacket with cream trousers; powder blue jacket with dark air-force blue trousers; lemon yellow with dark brown trousers. Style variations to the jackets include a yoke back with wide box pleat and side straps for waist adjustment; a collarless style with wide, buttoned down lapels; short or long sleeves with one-inch turnback; and slope top patch pockets.

Jacket styles are all designed to give the big-chested, athletic look. This is achieved by broad shoulders, easy sitting back and front, collars cut to set low and away from the shirt collar, bold, low-sweeping lapels.

All-round belts are a prominent feature in winter weight sports wear. And an entirely new garment is the "house jacket," made in light woolen, stretchy for good-tempered wear, styled with contrasting shawl collar and patch pockets.

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## RUMANIAN LEADER ARRESTED

Bucharest, July 20. Dr Jules Maniu, the 74-year-old Rumanian opposition National Peasant leader, has been arrested and imprisoned.

The Rumanian Chamber of Deputies yesterday lifted Parliamentary immunity from Dr. Maniu and five other Peasant Party deputies.

Dr. Maniu, who was Prime Minister in 1928-1930 and again in 1932-33, was stated earlier this week to be under police surveillance at a sanatorium, where he was undergoing treatment.—Reuter.

## Marshall Plan Delays Depression

Belgrade, July 20.

The belief that the Marshall plan to restore Europe's economy would "delay the economic depression in the United States," was expressed today by Henry Wallace, former United States Vice-President and Secretary of Commerce, in an interview with the official Yugoslav news agency, Tanjug, in New York.

He told the correspondent of Tanjug that he opposed the Marshall plan if it "divides the world into two parts" and if "the primary aim is to revive Germany for the purpose of waging a struggle against Russia."

"American economy," he declared, "is working at an exceedingly high level of production."

More men were employed in production of peacetime commodities than ever before, and living costs in the past year had increased by one-third.

He predicted that in 1948 "probably large-scale discontent will be manifest against the high cost of living."

The Liberal leader also timed the possible depression for next year, but thought that if the credits for the Marshall plan were approved by Congress "the depression will probably be postponed until 1950 or 1951."

### Third Party For U.S.

In reply to a question on a third party in United States politics, Mr. Wallace said:

"The majority of progressive people are interested in the transformation of the Democratic Party into a genuine liberal party. If this fails, in 1948, we shall consider the possibility of the creation of a third party."

On the subject of Yugoslav-American relations, Mr. Wallace said that no other country was so misunderstood. The United States is Yugoslavia.

He praised the way the Yugoslavs "today are solving their problems" that there is not "greater friendship between the two countries, which would contribute to world peace."—Reuter.

## They Can Stay In America

Washington, July 20.

The Senate has passed and sent to the House bills to permit Mrs Anna Kong Mel of Berkeley, California and Mrs Mary Sungdak Charr of Venice, California, to remain permanently in the United States.

Mrs Charr, Korean naturalised citizen of China, is the wife of James Chen Charr of Beverly Hills, Korean naturalised citizen of the United States. Mrs Mel, native of China, entered the United States as a temporary visitor. She married Hua Chien Mel, who was born in the United States but later lost his citizenship by practising law in China.

She has three adult children, all citizens of the United States and now living in this country.—Associated Press.

## Smuts' Recipe For Health

Johannesburg, July 21. Field Marshal Jan Christian Smuts at 77, one of the most active statesmen in the Commonwealth, on Sunday, gave his recipe for health.

He works an average of 12 to 14 hours a day. "That's the secret, keeping constantly on the go," he told reporters. "I am always on the move and that keeps a man fit."

"If I have no special diet and eat practically what I like, my tastes are simple. I believe in taking exercise—but nothing strenuous; mainly brisk walking."

(His idea of brisk walking means striding up a mountain side, one correspondent observed.)

The South African Premier said that he invariably rises between six and seven and goes to bed "when work is finished". He never takes a holiday. "There's so much to be done even on Sundays," he said.—Associated Press.

## EVATT WANTS FIVE POINTS

Tokyo, July 20. The first indications of the line that the talks on a projected Japanese peace treaty between General Douglas MacArthur, the Supreme Allied Commander in Japan, and Dr Herbert V. Evatt, the Australian Minister of External Affairs, would be likely to take, were given today in what is regarded as an officially inspired article in the "ECON", the British Commonwealth Forces newspaper here.

## Loan Would Halt China Inflation

Seattle, July 21.

Dr Tien-Fang Cheng, former Chinese Ambassador to Germany, declared in an interview here on Sunday that he felt the billion dollar United States loan to China would halt inflation there if used as a reserve on which to peg new currency.

Cheng, who resigned as Ambassador to Germany in 1938, is studying conditions in the United States and Canada after serving as China's representative at the recent UNESCO conference in Paris.

He asserted that China has joined hands with America in combatting the spread of Communism. "Free-love-loving people all over the world are fighting Communism in one way or another," he said. "In China it has developed into actual combat."

Russia, he felt, now is too weak to wage open war, but he added, "I would not write off the possibility that the Soviet may break loose at some time in the future."

He said China is trying desperately to reduce government expenses but "it is almost impossible, however, as inflation continues as fast as budgets can be increased."—Associated Press.

## SUPPORT FOR DE GASPERI

Rome, July 20.

Premier Alcide De Gasperi today won the support of almost all political parties for ratification of the Italian peace treaty through a compromise agreement to make the treaty effective only when it is ratified by all the four Allied powers.

De Gasperi's Christian Democratic Party approved the plan by 135 to 12. Other party leaders voiced willingness to support the decision to give government the power to execute the treaty when all ratifications are deposited in Paris.

The compromise formula will be presented to the Constituent Assembly on Wednesday. It appears assured of an easy majority, since Opposition argument is that Italy should not make the treaty effective before Russian ratification.—United Press.

The article lists as follows the five main points which it says Australia would probably favour at the peace conference.

- Control and supervision of the Japanese fleet.
- Reparations and the disposal of the remaining elements of the Japanese fleet.
- Agreement on reparations must be such as will not cripple economy, provided "economy" means the peaceful development of non-warlike industries.
- Adequate compensation to each Allied nation to cover physical losses and personal injuries to servicemen, the sufferings of war prisoners and civilian internees.
- Full agreement with General MacArthur that there must be an early peace with safeguards ensuring Japan's development as a peaceful, democratic state. In this there must be a particular stress on a review of the Japanese constitution, the encouragement of trade unions and progressive educational measures and drastic reforms of land tenure.

### Likely-Differences

It is believed here that there is not likely to be any disagreement between General MacArthur and Dr Evatt on these points, and that the only differences will be of degree.

General MacArthur has already declared that, under the terms of the Potsdam agreement, Japan will be confined to four main islands and that there is no possibility of her again menacing the security of the Pacific and Southeast Asia for at least 100 years.

Despite the criticism of a Sovlet member of the Allied Control Council, General MacArthur said that Japanese trade unions are receiving considerable encouragement, educational measures are already underway, and land reform will be completed by the end of 1948.

De Gasperi is expected to arrive in Kure on July 25, from where he will go to Osaka by train, and then fly in General MacArthur's special plane to Tokyo.—Reuter.

## Boycott By Soviet

Washington, July 21.

An apparent Russian boycott of the very first international meeting called by the United States on the Japanese peace treaty was revealed on Sunday by one Soviet Embassy and admitted by the State Department.

Nine other countries were represented in the meeting which was held in the State Department on July 11, but no Russian envoy ever showed up. There is speculation whether this is a significant indication of the way in which the Soviet Union will react to American plans for a veto-free Japanese peace conference system.—Associated Press.

This upset the original plan of welcome to the great disappointment of the Southlanders, who are noted for their hospitality.

The Field Marshal's aircraft was forced to land at an airport near Dunedin and the party covered the 140 miles to Invercargill over roads deep in snow.

Lord Montgomery has had to excuse himself from handshaking for the remainder of his tour. He said his hand first showed signs of strain in Australia and the big powerful men of New Zealand have practically finished it off, he said.

A hearty handshake now gives him much pain. Lord Montgomery had a slight cold this morning and remained in his room.—Associated Press.

Eye-witnesses of the murder, describing the attack today, said: "It was as if a lightning had struck all of us."

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## UNSCOP MEMBERS LEAVE HOLY LAND

Jerusalem, July 20.

UNSCOP delegates left Jerusalem today under a heavy guard, which escorted their caravan to the Lebanese border while mines exploded along the parallel railroad line—apparently the Irgun Zvai Leumi's idea of "a show of strength."

UNSCOP left the Holy Land as the Arabs, who had boycotted the hearings, began observing their holy month of Ramadan.

After spending five weeks in Palestine, the Committee has gone to Lebanon to hear evidence from Iraq, Egypt, Saudi-Arabia, Syria and Lebanon. Transjordan has refused to appear unless UNSCOP meets in Amman.

Navy intercepted the vessel on Friday.

Grauer said later: "I charge the Navy with piracy. We have proof that we were 17 miles from shore when our vessel was boarded. Apparently the Navy had orders to prevent a landing at any price."

With the departure of UNSCOP, the Palestine situation is as follows:

The township of Natheranya is still isolated from the rest of the world by martial law and "Operation Tiger" but the two kidnapped British soldiers have not yet been located.

The curfew in Haifa prevents anyone being on the streets after sunset—not even press-card holders under military escort.

Jerusalem has had a record number of siren walls to indicate acts of violence by Jewish extremists.—United Press.

## RANGOON'S "BLACK SUNDAY"

(Continued from Page 1)

"We have also the assurance of all necessary assistance from the British Government to safeguard law and order in the country."

There is something unreal about the superficial quietness in Rangoon, where the curfew was in force all last night.

Armed police kept watch everywhere. Confidence in the Government's precautionary measures seemed universal, but in many quarters the anxious question was asked: "What if the People's Volunteer Corps take the law into their own hands? Is that a probability now that they have lost the leadership which kept them under restraint?"

It is hoped that the new Government, acting as it has every right to do without British interference, will take a hold of the situation in Burma which, by its firmness, will safeguard against any repetition of this week-end's dreadful outrage.

It would be difficult to exaggerate the British sense of shock. There has been deep appreciation in London of the courage of U. Aung San and his colleagues, and of the very difficult task they had undertaken in trying to consolidate Burmese political opinion so that a course might be set, with the British Government, for an early settlement of the problems to get a new constitution into operation.

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## NEW SAINT

Vatican City, July 20. Pope Pius XII elevated France's blessed Louis Marie Grignion de Montfort to the sainthood today in the Church's most solemn and impressive ceremony.

The third of pilgrims that attended included members of the Daughters of the Wisdom. They were led by their Superior General, Mother Henriette de Llano.

The agreement, signed on July 10, ended the Federation's ban, lasting nearly two years, on the loading of Dutch ships with p. delegation of three from every province of Europe, America and Africa.

Also present were many members of the Legion of Mary, who came in special trains from Paris, Nantes and Rennes.—United Press.

## Jap Capitalists Want America As Ally

Tokyo, July 20. Many top Japanese officials are worried about prospects of a real postwar slump, saying that American economic help must arrive quickly if this country is to be converted into a bulwark against Communism.

The authors of such fears contend that without a strong national foundation based on a stable economy, Japan is more likely to degenerate into a hotbed of Communism than to emerge an American ally in an anti-Red lineup. They argue that if the United States is to assume a role of stabiliser in the Pacific and the Orient, a stable Japan will contribute greatly toward a new world which appears rapidly to be assuming shape.

It is assumed by such Japanese that Gen MacArthur's curbs on Communist extremes in Japan alone indicates such a policy on the part of the United States. Hence, it is argued, if this policy is to be consolidated and brought to fruition, the present economic conditions in Japan will render the task harder in proportion to further delays in American economic aid.

It should be remembered that the bulk of such talk generates from Japanese capitalist elements while ostensibly a socialist government is in power—for the first time in Japanese history.

Much of their attitude embodies the idea that "we and Uncle Sam in future will have a great deal in common." Some go so far as to hope that despite the efforts to speed up a peace settlement, United States armed protection of Japan should continue until such times as the stability of Japanese internal economy and social conditions are thoroughly assured.

Currently, such talk appears to coincide with a more general sentiment of the new government's policies for Japan's rehabilitation.

Early after its installation, one leading Cabinet member wishfully predicted a tenure of two years for Premier Tetsu Kalyuzhi, arguing that such a period was the minimum required for an effective economic programme. Today there are signs that the Premier is in a more precarious position now than at that time.

The government's price legislation was marked by a sudden three-fold increase in prices, including the cost of Japan's state-owned transportation, which provoked wide cries of protest not only among business circles but from agricultural and fishing communities as well. Whether this boosting of prices will prove a preventive to inflation, Japan's number one economic problem—or not is for the experts to decide.—United Press.

## TO-DAY'S BROADCAST

ZEW Hongkong broadcasting on a frequency of 945 kilocycles from 12.30 to 2 p.m. and 6.30 to 11 p.m., and also on 5.92 megacycles in the 31 metre band from 12.30 to 1.15, 7.30 to 8.30 and 9.15 to 10.15.

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